



# Washington State Department of Agriculture

## Who to Contact

**WSDA serves the people of Washington State by supporting the agricultural community and promoting consumer and environmental protection since 1913.**

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### DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

*Responsible for overall operation of agency.*

Vacant, Director .....	360/902-1887
Megan Finkenbinder, Exec. Assistant to the Director .....	360/902-1887
Kirk Robinson, Acting Deputy Director .....	360/902-1810
Debbie Hacker, Exec. Assistant to the Deputy Director .....	360/902-1801
Rianne Perry, Special Assistant .....	360/902-1841
Julie Youmans, Human Resources Manager .....	360/902-1981
Mark Johnson, Chief Financial Officer .....	360/902-1986
Mary Beth Lang, Bioenergy/Special Projects Coordinator .....	360/902-1812

### Administrative Regulations

*Coordinates the development of the agency's policies and procedures; provides public disclosure assistance; partners with program staff on developing the agency's regulations (WACs); performs the agency-wide forms and records management responsibilities.*

Elizabeth McNagny, Admin. Regulations Manager .....	360/902-1809
Kristin Rondeau, Performance and Process Improvement Manager .....	360/902-2024
Pamela Potwin, Public Records Officer .....	360/902-1935
Kelly Frost, Fairs and Commissions Coordinator .....	360/902-1802

### Contract Management

*Coordinates all aspects of WSDA's contract management program as well as policy and contract review.*

Larry Oline, Contracts Manager .....	360/902-2001
Ashley Chess, Purchasing & Procurement Specialist .....	360/902-2002

### Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

*Responsible for administering the federal funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Washington State.*

Leisa Schumaker, Grant Specialist .....	360/902-2091
Tricia Bertsch, Grant Assistant .....	360/902-2177

### Risk Management

*Coordinates all aspects of WSDA's enterprise risk management program; which includes employee health and safety, homeland security, emergency management, tort claims and vehicle accidents, as well as policy and contract review.*

Steve Acselrod, Safety/Risk Manager .....	360/902-2074
Sonia Soelter, Emergency Management .....	360/725-5509

### Policy and Communications

*Provides leadership, policy support and coordination on legislative and policy issues, oversees internal and external communications. Responds to media and public inquiries.*

Larry Sheahan, Policy Director .....	360/902-1918
Steve Fuller, Policy Assistant to the Director .....	360/902-1945
Patrick Capper, Policy Assistant to the Director .....	360/902-2083
Hector Castro, Communications Director .....	360/902-1815
Mike Louisell, Public Information Officer .....	360/902-1813
Kathy Davis, Internal Communications Coordinator .....	360/902-1927
Ignacio Marquez, Community Liaison .....	509/249-6970
Becca Sotelo, Graphic Design, Forms and Publications .....	360/725-5766

### Natural Resources Assessment Section (NRAS)

*Focuses on the impacts of agriculture chemicals and works together with the agricultural community and regulators to protect Washington's natural wealth and the environment.*

*Staff includes a hydro-geologist; an environmental toxicologist; specialists in crop and pesticide use, crop mapping, groundwater, and waste pesticide disposal.*

Kirk Cook, Program Manager/Hydrogeologist .....	360/902-1936
Kelly McLain, Natural Resources Scientist .....	360/902-2067
George Tuttle, Toxicologist .....	360/902-2066
Rod Baker, Natural Resource Scientist .....	360/902-2046
Jaclyn Hancock, Hydrogeologist .....	360/902-2065
Joel Demory, Environmental Scientist .....	360/902-1958
Margaret Drennan, Natural Resource Scientist .....	360/725-5769
Perry Beale, Agricultural Land Use Lead/E. WA Supervisor (Yakima) .....	509/249-6971

### IT Leadership Team

Curt Secker, IT Developmental Staff .....	360/902-2014
Jeff Painter, IT Divisional Support Staff .....	360/902-2006
Bill Castillo, IT Help Desk .....	360/902-2895
Tim Valdez, Webmaster .....	360/725-5507

### ANIMAL SERVICES

Lynn Briscoe, Assistant Director .....	360/902-1804
Dr. Joe Baker, State Veterinarian .....	360/902-1881
Jodi Jones, Division Coordinator .....	360/902-1889

### Animal Health

*Oversees livestock and poultry disease control, issues livestock import permits, regulates restricted feed lots and rendering plants.*

Dr. Joe Baker, State Veterinarian .....	360/902-1881
Kerrie Pfalzgraf, Regulations and Permits .....	360/902-1878

### Avian Health

*Provides information to increase awareness about poultry and poultry disease through education, outreach and surveillance.*

Dr. Lyndon Badcoe, Avian Health Veterinarian .....	360/725-5763
Beth Corder, Avian Administrative Assistant .....	360/725-5494
Avian Health Hotline .....	800-606-3056

### Animal Disease Traceability

*Oversees Animal Disease Traceability program in Washington State, provides animal movement and identification expertise to Washington's livestock industry.*

David Hecimovich, Animal Disease Traceability Program Manager .....	360/725-5493
Dawn Grummer, Animal Disease Traceability Analyst .....	360/902-1987

### Livestock Inspection

*Registers livestock brands; licenses certified feed lots and public livestock market; inspects cattle and horses for proof of ownership.*

General Information .....	360/902-1855
Lori McCown, Brand Recorder .....	360/725-5505

### COMMODITY INSPECTION

General Information .....	360/902-1828
Brad Avy, Assistant Director .....	360/902-1827
Jessica Allenton, Division Impact Specialist .....	360/902-1828

### Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program

*Provides state/USDA fruit/vegetable inspection, phytosanitary certification, shipping point inspection, third party grading of raw product for processing, and export certification; licenses controlled atmosphere storage facilities.*

Cameron Crump, Fruit and Vegetable Administrator .....	360/902-1833
Karen Cozzetto, Expert Technical Senior Advisor, Yakima .....	509/249-6906
Chuck Dragoo, Expert Technical Senior Advisor, Yakima .....	509/249-6910

### Grain Inspection Program

*Provides official inspection, sampling and weighing of grain and commodities grown in Washington or shipped through Washington ports.*

Jason Ferrante, Grain Inspection Program Manager .....	360/902-1921
Tom Dolly, Quality Assurance Manager .....	360/753-1484
Ray Dionne, NW Regional Manager .....	253/593-2064
Phil Garcia, Acting SW Regional Manager .....	360/577-2004
Don Potts, Eastern Regional Manager .....	509/533-2487

### Grain Warehouse Audit Program

*Licenses, audits and physically inventories agricultural commodity warehouses and terminals.*

Don Potts, Manager, Spokane .....	509/533-2488
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### Seed Inspection/Certification Program

*Inspects seed fields for insects/disease; inspects and tests seed for purity and germination; issues Phytosanitary export certificates; licenses seed dealers; issues labeling permits.*

General Information .....	509/249-6950
Victor Shaul, Program Manager .....	509/249-6955

## **International Marketing**

*Assists state companies in exporting food and agriculture products.*

Joe Bippert, Program Manager .....	360/902-1931
Julie Johnson, Export Development .....	360/902-1940
Rebecca Weber, Trade Specialist (Kennewick) .....	509/735-3666

## **FOOD SAFETY & CONSUMER SERVICES**

Candace Jacobs, Acting Assistant Director .....	360/902-1834
Angela Starr, Division Coordinator .....	360/902-1967
Stacy Laney, Management Analyst & Wellness Coordinator .....	360/902-2160

### **Food Assistance Programs**

*Feed Washington's hungry by providing state and federal food and funding to food banks, meal providers, and tribal food voucher providers.*

Kim Eads, Program Manager .....	360/725-5651
Susan Eichrodt, Program Specialist .....	360/725-2853
James Scovel, Program Coordinator .....	360/725-5641
Kyle Merslich, Program Coordinator .....	360/725-5657

### **Office of Compliance & Outreach (OCO)**

*Provides education, outreach and fair compliance response to support production of quality agricultural products and to maximize the safety and security of Washington's food system.*

Claudia Coles, Administrator .....	360/902-1905
Daniel Maxson, Public Health Advisor .....	360/902-1860
Liz Beckman, Animal Food/Treats .....	360-902-1942
Billy Campbell, Feed Tonnage .....	360/902-2052
Tricia Kovacs, Outreach and Education Coordinator .....	360/902-2029

### **Food Safety**

*The Food Safety Program is responsible for the licensing and inspection of food processing facilities, food warehouses and dairy farm operations throughout our state. The program also works closely with the dairy industry to maintain the ability to ship milk and milk products out-of-state. In an event of a food borne outbreak in our state, pro-gram staff work closely with FDA and the Department of Health in conducting investigations of facilities and collecting samples for testing.*

Consumer Complaint Line .....	800-843-7890
General Information .....	360/902-1876
Lucy Severs, Program Manager .....	360/725-5761
James Starr, Administrative Assistant .....	360/902-1948

### **Organic Food**

*Certifies organic food producers, processors and handlers.*

Brenda Book, Program Manager .....	360/902-2090
Sara Digby, Administrative Coordinator .....	360/902-1877

### **Microbiology Program**

*Analyzes food/dairy products for potentially harmful organisms. Analyzes animal tissues/blood for microbiological pathogens.*

Yong Liu, Program Manager .....	360/586-3643
Kodi Campbell, Administrative Assistant .....	360/753-5061

## **PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT**

<b>Toll-Free General Information .....</b>	<b>877-301-4555</b>
General Information .....	360/902-2010
Ted Maxwell, Assistant Director .....	360/902-2011
Maryann Connell, Division Coordinator .....	360/902-2012

### **Dairy Nutrient Management**

*Inspects dairy farms and takes action to ensure compliance with water quality laws.*

Ginny Prest, Program Manager .....	360/902-2894
Chery Sullivan, Lead Inspector .....	360/902-1928

### **Compliance**

*Enforces state and federal pesticide laws; investigates complaints of pesticide misuse.*

Ginny Prest, Acting Program Manager .....	360/902-2013
Olympia Compliance .....	360/902-2040
Moses Lake Compliance .....	509/766-2575
Spokane Compliance .....	509/533-2690
Wenatchee Compliance .....	877/301-4555
Yakima Compliance .....	509/249-6923

### **Registration Services**

*Registers pesticides and fertilizers distributed for use in Washington. Enforces state fertilizer laws. Collects and disposes of waste agricultural pesticides Collects data to assess pesticide impacts.*

Robin Schoen-Nessa, Program Manager .....	360/902-2038
Pesticide Registration .....	360/902-2030
Fertilizer Program, Olympia .....	360/902-2025
Fertilizer Program, Spokane .....	509/533-2689
Fertilizer Program, Yakima .....	509/249-6927
Natural Resources Assessment Section .....	360/902-1936
Waste Pesticide Collection .....	360/902-2056

### **Certification and Training**

*Licenses and recertifies pesticide applicators, dealers and consultants and structural pest inspectors. Administers Spanish-language farm worker training and pesticide continuing education programs.*

Margaret Tucker, Manager .....	360/902-2015
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### **Pesticide Licensing and Recertification**

Western Washington .....	360/902-1937
Eastern Washington .....	509/249-6925
Farmworker Education, Yakima .....	509/249-6925

## **PLANT PROTECTION**

General Information .....	360/902-1908
Dr. Brad White, Assistant Director .....	360/902-1907
Henri Gonzales, Division Coordinator .....	360/902-2061
Susie Allen, Administrative Assistant .....	360/902-1901

### **Chemical & Hop Laboratory**

*Analyzes feed, fertilizers, rapeseed and pesticide products. :Analyzes food and environ-mental samples for pesticide residues. Grades hops for seed, stem & leaf content and analyzes hops for brewing value.*

Mike Firman, Program Manager .....	509/249-6933
Hop Seed, Leaf and Stem Certificates .....	509/249-6947

### **Pest Program**

*Prevents establishment of high-risk and exotic insects, plant diseases and weeds through surveys, inspections, quarantines, and eradication projects; coordinates and administers state noxious weed program.*

Dr. Jim Marra, Program Manager .....	360/902-2071
Desiree Whittenberg, Administrative Assistant .....	360/902-2070
Jennifer Falacy, Plant Pathology Project Coordinator .....	360/586-5309

### **Entomology**

Randy Taylor, Managing Entomologist .....	360/586-8456
Rian Wojahn, Acting Japanese Beetle Specialist .....	360/988-5470
John Townsend, Gypsy Moth .....	360/586-8454
Jenni Cena, Wood Boring Insects .....	360/586-3606
Mike Klaus, Apple Maggot Project, Yakima .....	509/249-6966
Eric LaGasa, Special Projects .....	360/902-2063
Gypsy Moth Hotline .....	800/443-6684

### **Noxious Weed Control**

Chad Phillips, Spartina Coordinator .....	360/902-1923
Greg Haubrich, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Yakima .....	509/249-6973

### **Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board**

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary .....	360/902-2053
Wendy DesCamp, Communications and Outreach Specialist .....	360/725-5764

### **Plant Services**

*Inspects nurseries to ensure plant materials are healthy, pest-free and disease-free; enforces quarantines to prevent pest introduction Certifies disease-free planting stock for fruit trees, seed potatoes, hops, grapevines, mint, garlic, caneberries and strawberries.*

Cindy Cooper, Program Manager .....	360/902-2062
Lara Massey, Administrative Assistant .....	360/902-1922

### **Nursery Inspection**

John Wraspir, Program Supervisor .....	360/410-1260
Laura Packard, Secretary Senior .....	360/902-1874

### **Plant Certification**

Dr. Lauri Guerra, Plant Pathology Coordinator, Prosser .....	509/786-9275
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### **Agricultural Investigations**

*Enforces Commission Merchants Act, licenses commission merchants, dealers, brokers and cash buyers, and conducts investigations in support of other WSDA regulatory programs.*

Jerry Buendel, Program Manager .....	360/902-1856
Michele Gill, Administrative Assistant .....	360/902-1822
Bob Radke, Investigations Supervisor, Yakima .....	509/249-6961

### **Weights and Measures Inspection**

*Inspects and tests commercial weighing & measuring devices; licenses public weighmasters/weighers; responds to consumer complaints; monitors motor fuel quality.*

Jerry Buendel, Program Manager .....	360/902-1856
Michele Gill, Administrative Assistant .....	360/902-1822
Dan Wright, Metrologist .....	360/753-5042

## **WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE**

*Office of USDA collects and publishes data relating to production, price, utilization of crops, livestock and other ag products.*

Chris Mertz, State Director .....	360/709-2400
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